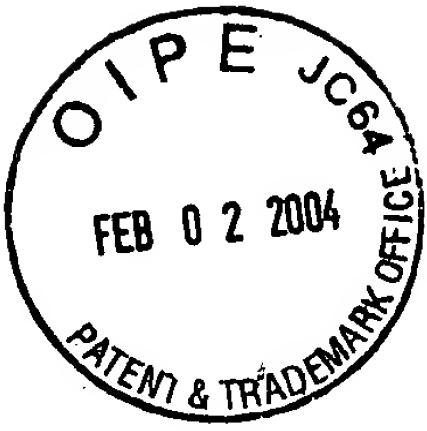


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the January 13, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") issued in connection with the December 23, 2003 Response to October 17, 2003 Office Action filed in the above-identified patent application. Copies of the Notice, and the December 23, 2003 Response to October 17, 2003 Office Action, are attached.

In accordance with the Notice, Applicants hereby submit a complete listing of all claims. The complete listing of all claims has been amended to note that claims 1-4, 6-7, and 10 have been cancelled. The text of all withdrawn claims has also been added.

Applicants understand that the complete listing of claims submitted herewith addresses all issues raised by the Notice and that the December 23, 2003 Response to October 17, 2003 Office Action is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Applicants' undersigned counsel requests that he be notified immediately at the address indicated below if this Response does not address fully all issues raised by the Notice or if the December 23, 2003 Response to October 17, 2003 Office Action is still not considered to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

A copy of a February 26, 2003 Associate Power of Attorney in the instant application that was granted to Kevin J. McGough by an attorney of record for the Applicants is also attached. Authorization has been given to the Patent and Trademark Office to charge Biogen Deposit Account 02-2327 for all fees required in connection with the filing of the instant Response. If the Patent and Trademark Office will not charge those fees to Biogen Deposit Account 02-2327, authorization is hereby given to charge the fees in the alternative to Coleman, Sudol & Sapone Deposit Account 04-0838.

Applicants respectfully request that future communications in connection with the instant application be addressed to Mr. McGough care of Coleman, Sudol & Sapone at the address provided below. Mr. McGough's office phone number is 914-337-4082.